

Board of Selectmen
SPECIAL MEETING
Friday, May 6, 2016- 9:00 AM
Town Hall

MINUTES

Members Present: First Selectman Betsy Petrie, Selectman Glen Coutu and Selectman John Bendoraitis

Also Present: Gerald Stefon L.S. from Mattern & Stefon Land Surveyors, Attorneys Edward O'Connell and Catherine Marrion from Waller, Smith & Palmer, James Mello, Stephen Salisbury, Town Planner Philip Chester, Library Director Julie Culp, Diane McCall, Maggie McCaw, Berkeley Nowosad and Administrative Assistant Linda McDonald

1.0 Call to Order: B. Petrie called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

B. Petrie introduced G. Stefon to those present and explained the mechanics of the meeting. She then turned the meeting over to G. Stefon.

2.0 Discussion with Gerald Stefon L.S. from Mattern & Stefon Land Surveyors on property ownership:

G. Stefon explained he was asked by the First Selectman to research the boundaries of the Town Green specific to the building project for the Library. He thanked Tom Meyer for his preliminary research on this project. He distributed copies of his notes and maps of the Library area. G. Stefon explained his methods and findings from his research. In addition to records at Town Hall, his resources included the Map and Geographic Center at UCONN, the State Library, and online research at the site "Colony Records of Connecticut".

G. Stefon said through his research, ownership of the Green was issued to 51 proprietors and heirs and assigns. A question is how does inheritance come forward either through wills or were shares coming forward through incorporation of the proprietors and how heirs and assigns would stake ownership of the Green. He explained that the Town put improvements on the Town Green, such as the original Town Hall and ballfield. He believes that the last proprietors meeting was in 1813. However none of these actions conveyed an ownership interest to the Town.

J. Mello asked questions regarding past practices to the use of the Lebanon Green. B. Nowosad brought forward comments about title passing between generations.

B. Petrie said many of the permits required for the proposed Library expansion require application by the owner not the applicant. The Library Grant Program requires that the Library have title to the property in which the property will reside in order to receive the grant. Hearing no other comments or questions, the members decided to convene an Executive Session:

G. Coutu MOVED to suspend the special meeting at 9:45 a.m. and enter into Executive Session with Attorneys Edward O'Connell and Catherine Marrion, Gerald Stefon, and Maggie McCaw present. J. Bendoraitis SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3:0:0.

2.0 Executive Session per Connecticut General Statutes Section 1-200(6)(B), to discuss pending litigation.

G. Coutu MOVED to exit Executive Session at 11:23 a.m. J. Bendoraitis SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3:0:0.

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4.0 Possible Action regarding pending litigation: No action.

5.0 Adjournment: The special meeting was adjourned at 11:24 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda H. McDonald